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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b))

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application, which is not an application under 37 C.F.R.

§ 1.53(d). Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

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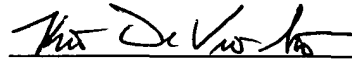
Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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	Exhibit L - "HomeSteam Elite Residential Whole House Humidifier," <i>Carel USA</i> , http://www.carelusa.com/homesteam.htm , 3 pages (Date: Known to Applicant prior to filing the present non-provisional application)
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	63-270592	11/08/1988	JP			Abstract	
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	11-300341	11/02/1999	JP			Abstract	
OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)							
		Exhibit A - "PURE WATER - Pure water for air humidification systems," <i>AB SIBE International</i> , 2 pages (1999)					
		Exhibit B - "JS WHEN HUMIDITY MATTERS! PureFlo™ water treatment for humidifiers," <i>JS Humidifiers plc</i> , 2 pages (Date: Known to Applicant prior to filing the present non-provisional application)					
		Exhibit C - "JS WHEN HUMIDITY MATTERS! Calomax Steam Humidifier Range," <i>JS Humidifiers plc</i> , 2 pages (July 2002)					
		Exhibit D - "HE420A,B and HE460A,B Steam Power Humidifiers - Product Data," <i>Honeywell</i> , 12 pages (1998)					
		Exhibit F - "Installation Instructions & Owner's Manual - AUTOFLO ELECTRONIC STEAM UNIT - POWER HUMIDIFIER MODELS S2000 AND S2020 FOR GAS OR OIL FORCED AIR FURNACES, HEAT PUMPS AND ELECTRIC FURNACES," <i>EWCO CONTROLS INC.</i> , 11 pages (Date: Known to Applicant prior to filing the present non-provisional application)					
		Exhibit G - "Steam Humidifier, Models S2000 and S2020 The World's Most Efficient Humidifier Just Got Better!," http://www.ewcccontrols.com/steam_humidifier.htm , 2 pages (Date: Known to Applicant prior to filing the present non-provisional application)					
		Exhibit H - "Armstrong HumidiClean Suggested Specifications," <i>Power Specialties Co. Providing Steam Products & Services to Industry</i> , http://powerspecialties.com/humidiclean_specificat.htm , 4 pages (Date: Known to Applicant prior to filing the present non-provisional application)					
		Exhibit I - Armstrong HumidiClean™ Humidifier - The Ionic Bed. The Final Resting Place for Ordinary Humidifiers," <i>Power Specialties Co. Providing Steam Products & Services to Industry</i> , http://powerspecialties.com/humidiclean_specificat.htm , 5 pages (Date: Known to Applicant prior to filing the present non-provisional application)					
		Exhibit J - "HumidiClean™ Series HC-4000 Humidifier - Revolutionary ionic bed technology that carries a lot of weight," <i>Armstrong International, Inc.</i> , Bulletin No. 581-C, 12 pages (October 1999)					
		Exhibit K - "homeSteam elite residential steam humidifier - Installation, Operating and Maintenance Manual," <i>Carel USA, LLC</i> , 24 pages (Date: Known to Applicant prior to filing the present non-provisional application)					

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